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Little League Midget Team

The Little League Midget Team has now played two games and have racked up a perfect record for the season thus far, with a 2-0 record.

The Midgets are pictured above, first row from left to right: Steve Poole, Godfrey Mosley, Garry Moore, Scott Paulette, Ronnie Robinson, Byron Roach, Bob Dunnam, John Foxwell, Earnie Chenault and Troy Stanley. Second row, from the left are: Marvin Johnson, Tony Ferguson, Frazer Goodwin, Steve Cobb, Duane Scruggs, Terry Woods, Christopher Johnson and Andy Poole. On the third row, from left to right, are Timmy Reynolds, Kenny Wayne Burks, Reginald Hamlett, Andrew Kelso, Benny Harvey, Greg Cheatham, Jeff Moore, Tom Austin and Stephen Lipford. Player not available for picture was Garry Campbell.

Standing in the back row are Coaches for the Midgets Team. They are,from the left, Jack Wayne Burks, John Thomas Paulette and Lewis Edward Moore. One coach not available for picture was Billy Chenault.

The Midgets will be taking on Rustburg in a game played there on Saturday, September 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. Let's support these fine boys and their coaches.

Watch Out For Flim-Flam Chasers

If you are a victim of Tropical Storm Agnes, your are a red-hot target of a new breed of "ambulance chasers" -- the migratory flim-flam contractors, suppliers and salesmen who "chase disasters for profit.

At the behest of President Nixon, the U. S. Small Business Administration today warned victims of the storm that these fast-talking fly-by-night specialists are moving into the six state disaster area like the seven year locust to feed on the green stuff in savings accounts and government loans.

The Agency emphasized that it does not charge any fee for its services, that it never endorses any contractor, repairman, or supplier and that all SBA employees working in disaster areas carry Federal credentials which disaster victims should ask to see when they are approached by a person posing as a representative of the Agency.

Among the victims of the disaster flim-flammery was a bone-weary, dejected Fredericksburg, Virginia couple. They were just getting over the shock of seeing much of their home and personal property destroyed by Agnes when they were approached by a representative of a Virginia waterproofing firm.

Flashing a letter from SBA so that only the Agency's letterhead would show, the salesman convinced the couple that his firm was an "SBA- approved contractor."

He also persuaded them to apply for an SBA disaster loan to waterproof their flood-prone home, to use his firm to fill out their loan application and provide cost estimates and, of course, do the suggested waterproofing work. The couple signed the contract on the spot.

But they were not permitted to read the letter bearing the SBA letterhead, so they could not know it was merely a reiteration of a new SBA policy eliminating the requirements for contractors' estimates on its disaster loans applications.

Naturally, they were not told that waterproofing is about as useful as wet paper in combatting raging flood waters.

Nor did they know, the Agency said, that the purpose of SBA disaster loans is to restore homes of businesses to their pre- disaster condition, and that, since their home had not been waterproofed before Agnes visited Fredericksburg, SBA would not approve a disaster loan for that purpose after the storm.

Moreover, the Fredericksburg couple did not know that the waterproofing firm would pad their SBA loan application with exorbitant cost estimates for such projects as "digging out foundation," repair and construction of new basement walls, " and never mention waterproofing.

Nor were they aware that they were about to become trapped by one of numerous schemes designed to deceive unwary victims of natural disasters.

SBA slad that because the United States has suffered so many massive natural disaster within recent years, and because disaster relief laws have been liberalized, "disaster chasing" has become a profitable business.

Fortunatley, the Fredericksburg couple made tentative arrangements to have their SBA loan, which was a waiting approval, transferred to their bank for disbersal to the waterproofing contractor.

The president of their bank quickly advised them that an SBA disaster loan would not cover waterproofing, that price estimates of the contracting firm seemed much too high, and that under Regualtion Z of the Federal Reserve Act -- the "Federal Truth in Lending Law" -- any consumer can cancel a contract within three working days after signing it.

At his recommendation, the couple cancelled the contract immediately, notified SBA of the contractor's ploy, and submitted an SBA loan application to restore their home to its pre-disaster condition.

SBA said that, since the destruction caused by Agnes was so extensive and widespread, the professional parasites from all parts of the country are swooping down in full force in the six Eastern states -- Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York.

However, because there are few Federal laws or licensing requirements governing construction contractors, repairmen, suppliers. and appraisers, the burden of proof and legal prosecution must rest ultimately with the state and local governments and the disaster victim himself, SBA said.

The Agency further emphasized that its employees will help disaster victims fill out their loan applications, that official SBA appraisers will prepare on-site damage estimates, and that there is absolutely no fee charged for any of these services.

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Appomattox Volunteers Complete Summer At Park

As part of the Volunteers in Parks program eleven young men and women have completed an interesting summer at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. The program, initiated by the National Park Service a few years ago, has been a success in many national parks throughout the country. The "VIP" program, as it is termed, began at Appomattox Court House in the summer of 1971 with a handful of seniors from Appomattox County High School participating. In the summer of 1972 the program was expanded to seven young ladies from the high school and four young men from Michigan.

The seven female participants were Billie Brightwell, Virginia Gordon, Sally Harvey, Julia Hesson, Josie Megginson, Debbie Reynolds, and Nadine Robinson. Four of the girls, Misses Brightwell, Harvey, Hesson and Robinson, were costumed in Civil War period dresses which added to the historic scene and atmosphere of the village. Their duties consisted of answering questions and greeting visitors at the McLean House, as well as helping with sales and questions at the country store. Misses Gordon and Megginson were in Park Service uniforms while assisting at the Visitor Center, Meeks Store and McLean House. Miss Reynolds assisted Mrs. Avery in the park office, as well as with visitor contacts at the Visitor Center. Five of the girls will continue assisting at the Visitor Center on Saturdays this fall, winter and spring.

The four young men from Michigan were Mike Waskul, Steve Mrozek, Bob Stevens, and Pete Slavcheff. These fellows were participants in the Union Camp set up in the village as part of the park's Living History program.

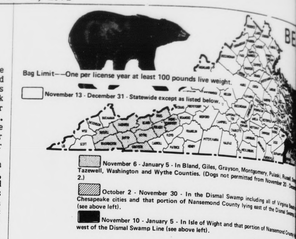
These volunteers received no pay, only their expenses. They all contributed many hours of their time towards a more meaningful park experience for the visitors. The park's VIP program hopes to expand with men and women in period costumes participating in activities during the summer relative to the surrender and to village life. Their supervisor, Park Historian Ken Aspchinkat, stated, "These young people were a great asset to the park and the park operation this past summer. Their effort and time is appreciated by the park staff and most of all by our visitors who met them this summer."

TENTATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR
1972 - 73 SESSION

Pre-School Conference	Monday, August 28
School Opens	Friday, September 1
District F Meeting (Schools Closed)	Tuesday, September 5
Evaluation Day (Schools Closed)	Friday, October 6
Thanksgiving Holiday	Friday, November 3
Schools Close	Wednesday, November 22
Schools Open	Monday, November 27
Christmas Holiday	
Schools Close	Thursday, December 21
Schools Open	Monday, January 2
Evaluation Days (Schools Closed)	January 25 - 26
Easter Holiday	Friday, March 9
Schools Close	Thursday, April 19
Schools Open	Tuesday, April 24
Session Ends	Friday, June 8
Work Days	Saturday, June 9
	Monday, June 11

TEACHING DAYS

September	19	February	20 114
October	21 40	March	21 135
November	19 59	April	19 154
December	15 74	May	23 177
January	20 94	June	6 183


Bag Limit—One per license year at least 100 pounds live weight
November 13 - December 31 - Statewide except as listed below
November 6 - January 5 - In Bland, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Russell, Tazewell, Washington and Wythe Counties. (Dogs not permitted from November 6 - January 5 in